



## OHV Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes

Meeting Minutes			
Meeting/Project Name	OHV Advisory Committee Meeting (1)		
Meeting Date	12-16-2010	Meeting Time	2:00 PM – 4:00 PM
Location/Conference Bridge	Doyle Center, Leominster, MA	Meeting Host	Phil Griffiths (EEA)
Attendees			
Griffiths, Philip (EEA)	Chief Ernest Horn	Ken Anderson	Chris Burton
Michael Wade	Lewis Howe	Randy Toth	Priscilla Chapman
Peter J. Pinciario	Chris Mossman	Sharon Jordan	Lt. Merri Walker
Briere, Gary (DCR)	Skinner, Tom (EEA)		
Absentees	Bill Suzor	Dr. Peter Masiokas	

Synopsis of Items Discussed
<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>Advisory Committee introductions<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>Dr. Peter Masiokas and Bill Suzor were not present due to some schedule conflicts, will be here in the next meeting.</li></ol></li><li>Gary Briere explained OHV law background with an overview of Chapter 202 of the acts of 2010<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li><b>Discussion Item:</b> Portion of money collected from tickets shall go back to the township it is taken- discussion around the specific fund as compared to generic fund</li></ol></li><li>Fines/Penalties and other clarifications<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>Money to be used to get more practitioners</li><li>Once the program is stable with new law, money will be dedicated to adding more trails to ride</li><li>Money goes to OHV program: Multiple jurisdictions are involved – it will be shared with the Police department</li><li>All the other remaining money is also going into improving the Travel sys/ SPORT system in some direct / indirect way.</li><li>Can “Out of State” registered OHVs be used in Massachusetts?- NO</li><li>What process do we have for the DUI? Talking, Walking and Breath testers</li><li>Vehicle registration is must even for the private use vehicles</li><li>If you own it in MA and use it out of state, do you still need a MA registration? NO</li></ol></li><li>Recreational Trail Program<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>An Advisory Committee already exist for this program</li></ol></li></ol>

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- b) In reference to Transport Equity Act, Spending estimates are made depending on the money spent on gas in using OHVs
- 5. Law hasn't change for long time, so this new OHV law is a big change
- 6. 1/4<sup>th</sup> of Pittsfield forests are using ATVs, so number is high
- 7. Pamphlets
  - a) Need to identify Distribution Channels and number of pamphlets for each channel\
  - b) What are the other mediums other than the pamphlets?
  - c) Pamphlets are just summary- has links to direct consumers to the details of the subject matter
  - d) Pamphlets: There are 3 corrections in the next release.
  - e) **Phil:** Group can be helpful in identifying where to distribute and the number of copies required
  - f) **Advisory Committee Members:** Direct your people to the website for any updates and for pamphlets
  - g) Link to the updated pamphlet:  
<http://www.mass.gov/dfwele/dle/ohvpamphlet.pdf>
- 8. Web Team
  - a) Explained SPORT, transition is happening; OLE is still using SPORT
  - b) The new system for Department of Fish and Games is MassFishHunt
- 9. Decals
  - a) No enforcements will be taken against the OHV owners for not using Decal stickers until May 2011
  - b) Discussion Point: All Vehicles do not have appropriate place for the new decal sticker
    - 1) All options were considered by the Law enforcement team
    - 2) CMR language is certainly very important to consider
    - 3) Looked at all types of vehicles to make a reasonable and practical application to meet the law
    - 4) **Ken Anderson:** User community is happy with the Metal plates
    - 5) Law Enforcement will look into this matter again
- 10. Marketing
  - a) Extend to beyond OHV community
  - b) An annual meeting coming up in February that could be used for an appropriate marketing campaign
  - c) AAA offices and other magazines shall be targeted
  - d) Contact Mr. DuFresme's team from RMV

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- e) Mass Conversation Commission office
- f) Local police departments
- g) Pres-conference kick-off event- Ken Anderson can help in this effort

### **11. Safety Training**

- a) Process-flow discussed
- b) Lt. Merri Walker has talked to other state counterparts about their training courses
- c) Various options from process flow discussed: Mechanism to put these in place being worked out, common thing is face to face meeting with a MEP
- d) As we move on, we will know which method is working better and go with it
- e) The initial idea may evolve to Clubs/Dealers centric training courses. TBD.
- f) Is “Out of State” training course acceptable in Massachusetts? Yes, only from the states with a compatible training course.

### **12. OHV Funds**

- a) Regular and timely /periodic updates will be shared with the Advisory committee.
- b) Are we going to increase the places to ride OHVs? Yes we will, once the program gets stable. This is one of the next steps.

### **13. DCR Landscape Designation process**

- a) Process discussed by Gary
- b) Committee appreciated the updates and found it relevant and helpful
- c) The New Maps will be released in Spring 2011

### **14. Other issues**

- a) Inventory issue: transparency in decision making—update website in advance when the trails are closed (e.g.: Mud season updates)
- b) OLE response: Do not have much resources to anticipate trail updates in advance, but will try to improve the process
- c) Enforcement kit
- d) Liability issue / insurance / Personal liability bonds
- e) Liability in terms of the private land owners permitting use of trails on their property; Insurance providers warns the private land owners of potential law suits if they do so

### **Synopsis of Next Steps/Action Items**

1. Decision on Advisory Committee Chair
2. Once we have money, committee needs to make decisions on improvements and choose categories, etc

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3. A new website is under construction which will house:
  - a) All the material being distributed in advisory committee meetings
  - b) Meeting minutes
  - c) Relevant news and updates
  - d) Any required Links
4. The updated committee spreadsheet will be sent over to the team
5. Next Meeting on March 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2011
6. In the interim EEA teams will keep working on the various projects, as discussed in the meeting, and will keep the committee informed with any updates
7. The Pamphlet is already updated and can be accessed at:  
  
<http://www.mass.gov/dfwele/dle/ohvpamphlet.pdf>

<b>Previous Meeting date</b>	None
<b>Next Meeting Date</b>	March 2 <sup>th</sup> ,2011
<b>Next Meeting Time</b>	(1 :00 – 4:00 PM)
<b>Next Meeting Location</b>	TBD (probably around the 495 belt)
<b>Next Meeting Agenda</b>	TBD